

City of North Miami – City of Progress
Public Works

Solid Waste Service Division
Automated Garbage Collection

Important Information



Why is North Miami Automating Garbage Collection?

Worker safety is significantly improved with automation. Collecting garbage is one of the most dangerous jobs in City government. The automated system cuts on-the-job injuries while increasing efficiency, reducing costs and improving the appearance of our streets on garbage collection day.

What is Automated Garbage Collection?



Automated collection uses a mechanical arm on trucks to empty special garbage carts, instead of workers lifting heavy barrels.

How Do I Get Started?

The Solid Waste Division will distribute one cart per household just before the automated program starts in the neighborhood. Do not use this cart until the automated collection system commences in your area, as the current method does not allow for manual collection. The special cart is made of sturdy plastic with a rugged handle, attached cover and large wheels so it is easily moved, even when full. One cart will be delivered to each household. Extensive research demonstrates that one cart provides adequate storage for an average family that also recycles. Extenuating circumstance should be brought to the attention of the Solid Waste Department, and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Carts must remain with the assigned property. Each cart has an identification number on the front that is registered to a specific address. Record the ID number of your cart. Residents are responsible for ensuring that carts are kept clean and not defaced. Do not add any signs or lettering to the cart. Please keep the cart clean. See the enclosed brochure from Toter Incorporated on the safe use and care of the cart.

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Automated garbage collection will commence in late fall, 2004 at approximately one-half of the City's households. Remaining neighborhoods will be phased in the following year.

How does the program work?

Regular household trash must be placed **INSIDE** the cart. Please do not overload cart. The lid should always be kept closed to control odors and animals. This will also keep out rainwater.

Garbage will not be taken if it is on top of, or beside the cart, or if it is in other containers.



Carts must be wheeled out to the curb on collection day by 6:00 a.m. Grasp the handle and tilt the cart toward you. Push or pull the cart or roll it. On sloped, inclines or steps, handle the cart with care. Remove cart from the curb/street at the end of the collection day.

What happens if the cart is damaged?

Any problems with carts must be reported to the Solid Waste Department at 305.949.7125. Repair or replacement of carts damaged through normal use will occur within 48 hours.

What happens if the cart is stolen?

A police report must be filed with the City of North Miami Police Department in order to receive a replacement cart.

Placement of the cart is critical.

- The arrow on the lid must point to the street.
- The handle must face the house.
- Place at least 10' from parked cars and at least 3' from objects (mailbox, fence, utility poles, bins or yard waste barrels and bags).
- Do not place cart under low-hanging branches.



Do not place the following items in cart

Ammunition, asbestos, auto parts, commercial trash, construction & demolition debris, fluorescent light bulbs, hazardous waste, hot ashes, large metal objects, oil or propane tanks, recyclables, sharps, needles & syringes, medical or infectious waste.